

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Without prejudice, this listing of the claims replaces all prior versions and listings of the claims in the present application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1 to 5. (Canceled).

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~~5.~~ (Previously Presented) A method for clearing a customer-specific entitlement in a conditional access system to receive a chargeable service from a service provider by using a security module on which is stored at least one of a security algorithm and the customer-specific entitlement as at least one of a software program and data, the method comprising:

specifically assigning an EMM clearing signal to the security module to provide a specifically assigned EMM clearing signal; and

controlling a right-of-access by a customer through a service center, in response to a request from the service provider to the service center, using the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal by performing one of:

(i) an indirect clearing operation that includes the steps of:

(a) sending the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal from the service center to the service provider via at least one of a telephone system and a data communication system;

(b) feeding the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal for the chargeable service into a control unit of the service provider; and

(c) activating the security module via the control unit by using the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal; and

(ii) a direct clearing operation by sending the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal from the service center, with an assistance of a data transmission service in a digital broadcasting service, to the security module to clear the customer.

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~~6.~~ (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein an electronically stored, service-specific credit balance is allocatable in monetary units to the security module.

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~~7.~~ (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein in the indirect clearing operation of the security module of a querying customer, the data transmission service is provided by one of a fixed-line modem, a Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) modem and a GSM-Service Management System (GSM-SMS) modem.

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transmission service in a digital broadcasting service, to the security module to clear the customer.

11. (Previously Presented) The arrangement of claim 10, wherein an electronically stored, service-specific credit balance is allocatable in monetary units to the security module.

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12. (Previously Presented) The arrangement of claim 10, wherein in the indirect clearing operation of the security module of a querying customer, the data transmission service is provided by one of a fixed-line modem, a Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) modem and a GSM-Service Management System (GSM-SMS) modem.

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13. (Currently Amended) The arrangement of claim 10, wherein in the direct clearing operation of the security module of a querying customer:

an approximate location of the querying customer is found with the assistance of at least one of a digital cellular network and a mobile telephony network; and

the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal for clearing the querying customer is only routed into the a digital broadcasting network in which the querying customer is situated at a time of a call and an ordering of the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal.

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14. (Previously Presented) The arrangement of claim 10, wherein the chargeable service includes at least one of a pay TV service, a digital radio broadcasting service, a digital video broadcasting service, a service of a Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications and a video-on-demand service.

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8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, wherein in the direct clearing operation of the security module of a querying customer:

an approximate location of the querying customer is found with the assistance of at least one of a digital cellular network and a mobile telephony network; and

the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal for clearing the querying customer is only routed into the a digital broadcasting network in which the querying customer is situated at a time of a call and an ordering of the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal.

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9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the chargeable service includes at least one of a pay TV service, a digital radio broadcasting service, a digital video broadcasting service, a service of a Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications and a video-on-demand service.

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10. (Previously Presented) An arrangement for clearing a customer-specific entitlement in a conditional access system to receive a chargeable service from a service provider by using a security module on which is stored at least one of a security algorithm and the customer-specific entitlement as at least one of a software program and data, the arrangement comprising:

an arrangement for specifically assigning an EMM clearing signal to the security module to provide a specifically assigned EMM clearing signal; and

an arrangement for controlling a right-of-access by a customer through a service center, in response to a request from the service provider to the service center, using the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal by performing one of:

(i) an indirect clearing operation that includes the steps of:

(a) sending the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal from the service center to the service provider via at least one of a telephone system and a data communication system;

(b) feeding the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal for the chargeable service into a control unit of the service provider; and

(c) activating the security module via the control unit by using the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal; and

(ii) a direct clearing operation by sending the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal from the service center, with an assistance of a data